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In re the Application of: **KONDO, Masakatsu et al.**

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For: **CONTAINER PLUG ATTACHING DEVICE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 16, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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